

FORT DODGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION POLICIES AND RULES

1. The team formation process will occur using the following guidelines:
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Balancing volunteer coaches
 - Balancing team roster sizes
 - Intermingling players from all community schools among all teams
 - Following all rules and policies as put forth by the Iowa Soccer Association.
2. Special requests (for example: a specific coach, practice time or uniform color) will not be honored.
3. A player may request to be placed on the same team as another player for ride-sharing purposes only. The request must be noted on BOTH player registration forms and submitted at the time of registration for consideration. A player may only request to ride-share with one other player. Requests for ride-sharing will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.
4. Volunteer parent/guardian coaches will have their child placed on the team they have volunteered to coach.
5. Players registering on or before the registration deadline will be placed on a team.
6. Players who register after the registration deadline may not be guaranteed placement on a team. If a player is not placed then a refund will be made.
7. Once a player is placed on a team and uniforms have been ordered, a refund will only be made upon board approval.
8. U10 teams and below teams will consist of a maximum of one head coach and one assistant coach unless approved by the board. U12 and above teams will consist of a maximum of one head coach and up to two assistant coaches unless approved by the board. Head coaches must be age 18 or older.
9. Any player wishing to play up must make a formal request to the board. The board will contact coaches familiar with the player who are able to evaluate the player to determine the viability of such a request. The Board's decision will be final.
10. If parents/guardians are dissatisfied with their child's placement on a team they may petition the Board to be moved from that team. The player will be placed on another team at the discretion of the Board. The Board's decision will be final.

SPRING REGISTRATION POLICIES AND RULES

1. New players will be placed on existing rosters or placed on newly formed teams accordingly. This method will continue through each age level with effort made to keep the core team from the previous fall season together if possible

2. There may be times when a team will need to be split up and the players put on different teams or when a few players may need to be moved from one team to another to ensure adequate and equitable roster size. This will occur at the discretion of the Registrar.
3. A new player is defined as either a player new to FDSA or a player that did not participate in the prior fall season.
4. Players registering on or before the registration deadline will be placed on the team they played with the previous fall season when possible.
5. Players who register after the registration deadline will not be guaranteed placement on the team they played with the previous season.
6. If a team is to be split or merged with another team, generally the team that returns the fewest team members from the previous season will be the team split up or merged. In the case of a tie, a team or teams out of the tied group of teams will be chosen at random to be split up in order to field teams of adequate roster size.
7. If the head coach of a team has decided not to continue to coach, and another head coach has not been identified to fill the vacancy, then the team will be split up and the players will be distributed over the remaining teams as groups of players, whenever possible.